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BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Strategic Energy Assessment January 1, 2002 Through  
December 31, 2004

05-ES-101

**NOTICE OF HEARING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS**

<b>Hearing Date:</b>	<b>Friday, September 27, 2002 – 9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Hearing Location:</b>	<b>Public Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, WI (Amnicon Falls Hearing Room – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor)</b>

<b>Comments Due:</b> <b>Monday, September 30, 2002</b> <b>– Noon</b>	<b>Address Comments To:</b> Lois J. Hubert, SEA Coordinator Electric Division Public Service Commission P.O. Box 7854 Madison, WI 53707-7854 FAX (608) 266-3957
<b>FAX Due:</b> <b>Friday, September 27, 2002</b> <b>– Noon</b>	

Wis. Stat. § 196.491(2), requires that the Commission biennially prepare a strategic energy assessment (SEA). The SEA, a draft of which must be issued no later than July 1, 2002 must:

Identify and describe all large electric generating facilities on which an electric utility or merchant plant developer plans to commence construction within three years; all high-voltage transmission lines on which an electric utility plans to commence construction within three years; any plans for assuring that there is an adequate ability to transfer electric power into eastern Wisconsin, and the state as a whole, in a reliable manner; the projected demand for electric energy and the basis for determining the projected demand; activities to discourage inefficient and excessive power use; and existing and planned generation facilities that use renewable energy sources.

Assess the adequacy and reliability of purchased generation capacity and energy to serve the needs of the public; the extent to which the regional bulk-power market is contributing to the adequacy and reliability of the state's electrical supply; the extent to which effective competition is contributing to a reliable, low-cost, and environmentally sound source of electricity for the public; and whether sufficient electric capacity and energy will be available to the public at a reasonable price.

Consider the public interest in economic development, public health and safety, protection of the environment, and diversification of sources of energy supplies.

In February 2002, almost all of Wisconsin's investor-owned utilities, cooperatives, and municipal electric companies, along with several other electricity and transmission providers, submitted historic information regarding statewide demand, generation, out-of-state sales and purchases, transmission capacity, and energy efficiency efforts for the years 2000 through 2001. In addition, these entities provided forecasted information for the years 2002 through 2004. The Commission has prepared a draft SEA, based upon Commission staff's compilation of the filed information, along with modifications where necessary for missing information, and Commission staff's subsequent assessment of Wisconsin's energy future based upon that information.

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.491(2)(g), the Commission must hold a hearing on the SEA no sooner than 30 days and no later than 90 days after the issuance of the draft SEA. In addition, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.491(2)(e), any person may submit written comments to the Commission on the SEA within 90 days after issuance of the draft SEA. At its opening meeting of June 20, 2002, the Commission approved issuance of the draft SEA. The draft SEA will be issued to various state departments, regional planning commissions, the lower Wisconsin state riverway board, each entity that was required to report information, the clerk of each city, village, town and county that is affected by the assessment, and interested parties on Monday, July 1, 2002. A copy of the SEA will also be available on the Commission website (<http://psc.wi.gov>) after that date, or may be obtained by contacting the docket coordinator listed below. In addition, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.491(2)(f), the Commission will make an environmental assessment on the SEA available on its website, on or before August 28, 2002.

Based on comments received on the draft SEA, the Commission will prepare a final SEA. The final SEA will be issued no later than 90 days after the hearing pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.491(2)(gm).

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that a hearing will be held beginning on Friday, September 27, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. in the Amnicon Falls Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, and continuing at times to be set by the presiding Administrative Law Judge. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

The Commission requests comments on the above issues. Any party who desires to file comments should submit an original and 20 copies as indicated in the box on page one. Members of the public need only file an original. These comments must be received by noon on Monday, September 30, 2002. Comments by fax are due one business day earlier. Fax filing cover sheets must state "Official Filing" and include the docket number 05-ES-101 and the number of pages (limit of 20 pages). File by one mode only.

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Questions from the media may be directed to Annemarie Newman at (608) 266-9600.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Lois J. Hubert at (608) 267-2210.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_

By the Commission:

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Lynda L. Dorr  
Secretary to the Commission

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